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All this and much more as The Enterprise reports in this week's amazing edition!

Public chimes in on CISD superintendent search

At least 15 applicants have already applied to be the next superintendent of the Clarendon Consolidated Independent School District, according to information presented at a public forum Monday night.

Sixteen people attended the meeting intended to gather public feedback in the school's search for a new superintendent. The audience included six school employees, one school board member, five parents of kids in school, and two students.

Interim Superintendent John Lemons conducted the meeting and discussed web-based surveys of school employees and the public that are being conducted to gather input

on what the district should look for in its next superintendent.

The simple four question survey was criticized for not giving people an opportunity for other comments or to list areas that the district needed to improve upon. CISD Technology/Network Director Michael Keough then added a "comment" section to the survey, and Lemons invited comments from the audience about areas of improvement.

Audience feedback included concerns about discipline at the school, the amount of homework in the elementary grades, an over emphasis on the Accelerated Reader program, pushing technology over

other school needs, and the need for better responsiveness to parents and community members.

Lemons encouraged people to take the survey at www.clarendonisd.net to let the board know their feelings, and school officials said a separate "other comments" survey would be set up for school employees who had already completed the four-question survey.

One school employee said he thought the district should just try to clone outgoing superintendent Monty Hysinger, and one parent countered that Hysinger was "a good money man... and that's all I'm going to say."

Lemons bragged on the reputation that Clarendon has for its history of good superintendents - Jeff Walker, Phil Barefield, and Hysinger - as well as its tradition of excellence and good community support. A 30-plus year employee of the district, however, said she had seen parts of the school go down in that time.

Comments were also made from the public encouraging the school to maintain its positive working relationship with Clarendon College and being critical of spending priorities at the school.

Lemons said a new superintendent would want to be visible and

open and bring new ideas on discipline. He also said that Clarendon doesn't need a "change agent" but rather someone who would tweak and maintain the school's strengths.

Lemons said he knew of 15 to 18 applicants already for the job, which is being advertised statewide and heavily promoted in Regions 16 and 17 (the Panhandle and South Plains). The deadline for applications is December 19, and those will be reviewed by the board on December 29.

The interview process in January will be done in secret, Lemons said, and the district will only be naming a lone finalist for the job.

CEDC to continue search for director

The Clarendon Economic Development Corporation will renew its search for a new executive director next month following a called meeting of the CEDC board Monday, December 8.

Finalists for the position were interviewed on November 17. An offer was made to Laura West of Dumas at the regular CEDC meeting on December 1, but West later decided not to take the position.

CEDC officials discussed the position this week but decided to take no action until after the first of the year.

CJH students raise money for firemen

The Clarendon Junior High Student Council recently held a penny drive to show their support for the hard work and dedication of the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department.

The drive raised a total of \$310.86 for the department, and a letter from the council to the firemen said they "hope this small donation helps show our gratitude for all that you do."

Fire Chief Jeremy Powell was very happy to receive the gift on behalf of the department.

"We appreciated all the students' hard work and greatly appreciated the donation," Powell said. "Gestures like that make it worth it to be on the fire department."

H'wick firemen plan Christmas party

The Howardwick Volunteer Fire Department will have its annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 13, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Howardwick City Hall. The event is open to the Howardwick public and surrounding area. Come get to know your firefighters. Finger food will be provided.

Angels all adopted from Angel Tree

Burton Memorial Library reports that all the kids on this year's Angel Tree have already been adopted.

Those who picked up angels need to remember that gifts need to be returned to the library by December 19.

Donations to help local children in need can still be made at Pilgrim Bank at Third and Gorst Streets or mailed to PO Box 45. Please contact the Library at 874-3685 or call Christ's Kids at 874-2007 for more information.



Wake up call

What's left of a Toyota Tundra rests in the ditch about four miles west of Clarendon after its driver apparently fell asleep and crashed through a guardrail on US 287. Donley County Deputy Mike Spier said the truck was driven by Michael Doty, age 33, of Dallas when the accident happened about 8 a.m. Tuesday morning, December 9. Neither Doty nor his passenger, 34-year-old Stephen Porter, were injured in the accident. The men were returning to Texas from a skiing trip in Colorado and had been driving all night, the deputy said.

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Water district starts winter measurements

Each year Panhandle Ground-water Conservation District takes measurements on a network of more than 800 wells throughout the District to determine yearly aquifer changes in water levels.

The measurements are not only taken to determine the water level in the aquifer, but also to collect data, provide information for future planning and to determine IRS depletion allowances. The measurements

are taken during the winter months when demands for irrigation are lower so that a more representative static water level can be obtained.

Field technicians have started water level measurements and will continue through the beginning of the New Year. The winter water level measurements play a critical role in gauging compliance with the 50/50 goal, which is to have 50 percent of the water left in the aquifer

50 years from now, by allowing us to monitor the decline of saturated thickness in the aquifer over the past year.

Knowing the amount of decline drives enforcement of study areas in places where water levels have dropped below the allowed annual 1.25 percent of saturated thickness. When study areas go into place, the landowner is notified by the District and the area is monitored more frequently by the District. If the decline levels improve it can come out of a study area, however, if decline continues to exceed the limit, the study area could be designated a conservation area by the District which may result in reductions of the maximum annual production rate.

If you have questions (806) 883-2501. The measurements taken will appear in the district's July 2015 newsletter.

Comptroller issues report on student loan debt

AUSTIN - Texas Comptroller Susan Combs released a report this week examining the growth of college tuition costs and its impact on student loan debt.

In "Footing the Bill: Rising College Costs, Deepening Debt," the Comptroller's office details impacts of student loan debt; factors driving increases in tuition costs contributing to this debt; reasons students have remained willing to incur these debts; and potential ways to slow the growth of higher education costs.

The Comptroller also makes

recommendations for the Texas Legislature to improve transparency in this area.

"A college degree is a basic requirement for many jobs, and a benefit that provides real financial advantages throughout life," Combs said. "That's why it's disturbing that the price of higher education seems to be climbing out of reach for many Texans."

"If college becomes possible only for the few, our young people and our nation will suffer for it. Our kids will find themselves squeezed out of their best chance for financial

success, and America will miss out on the productivity and innovation of many of our best minds."

Financial experts say student loan debt could significantly reduce economic activity and demand for mortgage credit and negatively impact the broader economy by inhibiting entrepreneurship and the creation of small businesses.

The growth in student loan debt is mirrored by the growth in the cost of attending college.

In Texas, average in-state public university tuition and fees rose by 90 percent between 2003

and 2012. Yet despite rising tuition costs and student loan burdens, enrollment in Texas degree-granting institutions rose 49 percent from 2000 to 2012.

Because college is usually a good return on investment - college graduates earn about twice as much as those without a college degree - this uptick in enrollment is expected to continue, making it imperative for students to know how their tuition and fees are spent, and to have better access to tools to help them get a full picture of college costs.

Chamber hosts chili challenge this week

Christmastime activities continue this week with Late Night Shopping and the second annual Chili Challenge at the Crossties Ministry Center on Friday night.

In a move from the traditional Thursday schedule, Late Night Shopping this year is being held on Fridays at downtown merchants and will continue every week until Christmas.

The "Great Bowls of Fire" Chili Challenge returns for its second year this Friday, December 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Crossties Ministry Center and hosted by the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce.

Steve & Jesse will provide musical entertainment as businesses and organizations go up against one another for bragging rights and their chance at the 2014 title of Champion Chili Team.

The cost is \$25 per team. The winners will be selected on a "people's choice" basis, and admission is \$5 per person.

Challenge details and entry forms are available from Bonnie Campbell at the Clarendon Visitor Center inside the Mulkey Theatre.

Holiday shopping is easy and affordable with a Christmas Cash loan from the Donley County State Bank and enjoy interest free shopping at a dozen participating establishments.

The program, organized by the Chamber of Commerce, allows anyone to make application for a loan of up to \$3,000 interest free with the Donley County State Bank. Once a loan has been approved, the borrower will be issued Christmas Cash Dollars, which may be spent like US currency toward new purchases at all of the participating businesses. Christmas Cash must be spent by December 31, 2014.

As of Tuesday morning, participating Christmas Cash merchants this year are: Cornell's Country Store, J&W Lumber, Osburn Appliance, Country Bloomers, Ronna's Creations, Stavenhagen Video, Henson's, Every Nook & Cranny, Straight Off The Ranch, The Clarendon Enterprise, Mike's Pharmacy, Lowe's Family Center & Ace Hardware.

Support your hometown merchants this holiday season and keep your money working for you in your community. Local merchants support local charities and schools.

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Entry forms available at the Clarendon Visitor Center inside the Mulkey Theatre.

The game is rigged in our police state

Being a citizen in the American police state is much like playing a game of cards against a stacked deck: you're always going to lose. The game is rigged, and "we the people" keep getting dealt the same losing hand. Even so, we stay in the game, against all odds, trusting that our luck will change.

The problem, of course, is that luck will not save us. The people dealing the cards—the politicians, the corporations, the judges, the prosecutors, the police, the bureaucrats, the military, the media, etc.—have only one prevailing concern, and that is to maintain their power and control over the country and us. As long as they are dealing the cards, the deck will always be stacked in their favor.

We're in trouble, folks.

We have relinquished

control of our government to overlords who care nothing for our rights, our dignity or our humanity, and now we're saddled with an authoritarian regime that is deaf to our cries, dumb to our troubles, blind to our needs, and accountable to no one.

Even revelations of wrongdoing amount to little in the way of changes for the better.

For instance, after six years of investigation, 6,000 written pages and \$40 million to write a report that will not be released to the public in its entirety, the U.S. Senate has finally concluded that the CIA lied about its torture tactics, failed to acquire any life-saving intelligence, and was more brutal and extensive than previously admitted. This is no revelation. It's a costly sleight of hand intended to distract us from the fact that nothing has changed. We're still a military empire waging endless wars against shadowy enemies, all the while fattening the wallets of the defense contractors for whom war is money.

Same goes for the government's surveillance programs, which are just as invasive as ever. In fact, at President Obama's urging, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court just quietly reauthorized the National Security Agency's surveillance of phone records.

It's a sorry lesson in how a well-intentioned law or program can be perverted, corrupted and used to advance illegitimate purposes. The war on terror, the war on drugs, asset forfeiture schemes, road safety schemes, school zero tolerance policies, eminent domain, private prisons: all of these programs started out as legitimate responses to pressing concerns. However, once you add money and power into the mix, even the most benevolent plans can be put to malevolent purposes.

In this way, the war on terror has become a convenient ruse to justify surveillance of all Americans, create a suspect society, expand the military empire, and allow the president to expand the powers of the Executive Branch to imperial heights.

Under cover of the war on drugs, the nation's police forces have been transformed into extensions of the military, with SWAT team raids carried out on unsuspecting homeowners, and police officers given the green light to shoot first and ask questions later.

Asset forfeiture schemes, engineered as a way to strip organized crime syndicates of their ill-gotten wealth, have, in the hands of law enforcement agencies, become corrupt systems aimed at fleecing the citizenry while padding the pockets of the police.

Traffic safety schemes such as automated red light and speed cameras, ostensibly aimed at making the nation's roads safer, have been shown to be thinly disguised road taxes, levying hefty fines on drivers, most of whom would never have been pulled over, let alone ticketed, by an actual police officer.

School zero tolerance policies, a response to the horrors of a handful of school shootings, have become exercises in folly, turning the schools into quasi-prisons, complete with armed police, metal detectors and lockdowns.

As for grand juries, which were intended to serve as a check on the powers of the police and prosecutors, they have gone from being the citizen's shield against injustice to a weapon in the hands of government agents. A far cry from a people's court, today's grand jury system is so blatantly rigged in favor of the government as to be laughable. Unless, that is, you happen to be one of the growing numbers of Americans betrayed and/or victimized by their own government, in which case, you'll find nothing amusing about the way in which grand juries are used to terrorize the populace all the while covering up police misconduct.

Unfortunately, as I make clear in my book *A Government of Wolves: The Emerging American Police State*, we're long past the point of simple fixes. The system has grown too large, too corrupt, and too unaccountable. If there's to be any hope of reform, it has to start at the local level, where Americans still have a chance to make their voices heard. Stop buying into the schemes of the elite, stop being distracted by their sleight-of-hands, stop being manipulated into believing that an election will change anything, and stop playing a rigged game where you'll always be the loser.

It's time to change the rules of the game. For that matter, it's time to change the game.



Speak truth to power

by John Whitehead

Finding a warm place in the sun

Perhaps the most nagging question left unanswered after five wonderful days in San Diego is this: Where could San Diegans choose to vacation that would rival the wonderment available year-round in their own backyards?

It is a magical place by any measure, whether one is seeking the grandeur of nature, man-made attractions or a culture where community pride assured the natural beauty of beaches long before zoning laws decreed so.

On the subject of sand, it is a happy thought that visitors can walk the same beaches where Navy seals train and where "real seals" – basking by the dozens in daily sunshine – know exactly when to arch their bodies to enjoy full benefit of each wave washing ashore....

We could have felt guilty spending the better part of a week in this Southern California paradise while friends back in Texas shivered – precisely on the same days – with the onslaught of the season's first wintry blast. Back home, temperatures chilled in the 20s much of the week.

In San Diego, the weather went about "business as usual," with temps around 70 degrees during all of our daylight hours there.

At take-off time from Dallas November 12, the thermometer dipped to freezing for the first time since March, and when the plane set down in San Diego, it was approaching 70. Upon deplaning, the sun shone brightly and the breeze was "just right."

Had it been gentler, wind chimes

would have had to take numbers for "whoosh" enough to muster the slightest sound....

During this trip, we limited visits to attractions that didn't seem to fit "touristy" molds some destinations are horse-collared with. La Jolla and Coronado deserve better.

Oh, there were many shops unique to the area. However, we found them to be more than that – inviting in ways the owners don't even realize. Many, for example, have shiny bowls filled with water at the door. It's for thirsty canines that happen by – leashed by their masters or otherwise.

One owner, hearing our conversation, said hers is a frequent stop for man's best friends. "They know if they linger, they'll get treats, too," she grinned....

With so much to see and do, it was necessary to "pick and choose." Great eating spots beckoned, as did numerous museums, exhibits and the world-class Birch Aquarium.

Distractions abounded. With a glance skyward, one is likely to see hang-gliders lazily on routes begun minutes earlier from atop the Torrey Pines Cliffs.



the idle american

by Don Newbury

Learning the late Theodor Geisel spent most of his adult life in La Jolla, we considered The Legends Gallery – featuring "all things Seuss" – a "must."

In addition to his being the most successful author ever in children's literature – as well as a heralded artist – Geisel was a great humanitarian, contributing much to the welfare of others.

In fact, the Dartmouth College School of Medicine is named in his honor.

The Geisel Foundation also greatly assists locally with generous grants to the arts. His second wife, now 93, still lives in La Jolla, and until recent years drove around town in a uniquely-licensed automobile – GRINCH.

Like the good doctor's books, San Diego is a city with many chapters – to be read again and again, savored each time. Its allure will remain with us always, worthy of repeated visits. It's a place to ponder, and to drink in its wonders like the dogs lapping water in front of the shops. And next time, we must concentrate even more on the beautiful birds of paradise blooming all over the place. Can the live ones at the world-class San Diego Zoo be any more impressive? Let the beholders decide.... (more info at www.sandiego.org/LaJolla.)

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Exchanges fail colon cancer patients

By Jasmine Greenamyre

Colon cancer will claim more than 50,000 American lives this year. One in 20 people will be diagnosed at some point in their lives.

Thanks to better screening and new treatments, the death rate from colon cancer has been dropping for more than 20 years. But even the best screening and treatment can't help those unable to afford health care.

The Affordable Care Act was designed to help make sure patients could receive the care they need. But it's failing America's most vulnerable patients: Congress must make sure the Affordable Care Act lives up to its name and enables people to access the health coverage they need.

When Congress passed healthcare reform, one key protection for patients was a requirement that insurers cover a minimum set of "essential" benefits. Another protection banned insurers from discriminating based on health status. Despite these protections, many of the insurers offering plans on the new insurance exchanges are shifting the cost burden of medications to patients.

Put simply, Congressional intent is being ignored.

That's why lawmakers must step in to make sure the Department of Health and Human Services updates its essential health benefits rule. Congress must also call on HHS to provide guidance to states that are being asked to assess whether exchange plans are discriminat-

ing against certain patients.

All exchange plans are required by law to cover prescription drugs. Each insurer maintains a list of prescription drugs – a formulary – that specifies the drugs it will cover. But most formularies have four or more "tiers" of coverage that place increasing cost-sharing obligations on patients. The surprise comes when you develop a condition whose medications fall into the top tier.

The first tier, usually for the most commonly prescribed medications, might include a modest copay of, say \$20. But the highest tier typically involves co-insurance, in which the patient is responsible for a fixed percentage of the cost of a drug. The coinsurance percentage can run to 40 percent or more for drugs that can cost thousands of dollars.

This means that patients can get stuck with huge bills. The impact falls disproportionately on patients with serious conditions that require expensive medications, such as cancer, multiple sclerosis, and HIV/AIDS.

Indeed, a recent study by Avalere Health analyzed 123 mid-level exchange plans and found that more than 60 percent place all medication for cancer and other life-threatening conditions on the highest cost-sharing tier.

These formularies seem discriminatory, but HHS hasn't stepped in to crack down on insurers. Congress must call on federal officials to make clear that discriminatory coverage is prohibited.

Such high out-of-pocket drug costs threaten to put necessary treatments out of reach for the patients who need them most. Patients are left with little choice but to deplete their savings or retirement funds, declare bankruptcy, or skip or refuse treatments.

Researchers at Duke University Medical Center surveyed cancer patients to learn how they coped with these costs. Nearly half described the financial burden as "significant" or "catastrophic." Forty-six percent had to cut back on basic needs such as groceries.

The greater the cost-sharing, the more likely a patient will postpone or forgo medication. According to a study by University of North Carolina researchers, patients with higher co-payments were 70 percent more likely to stop taking their cancer treatment and 42 percent more likely to skip doses.

This is a serious, life-threatening problem. Skipping treatments significantly increases the risk of relapse. Missing even just 15 percent of a prescribed dose can lead to a recurrence of the cancer.

Getting a colon cancer diagnosis is bad enough without adding exorbitant out-of-pocket costs for treatment. If the new health law is to live up to its promise of affordable care, Congress must create a solution and help people get the care they need and deserve. Jasmine Greenamyre is the Chief Operating Officer of the Colon Cancer Alliance.

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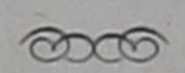
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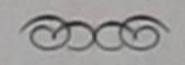
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Swisher County Ag Day set for Dec. 16

TULIA - The annual Swisher County Ag Day will be hosted by the Swisher County Ag Committee on Dec. 16 at the Swisher County Memorial Building located at 127 S.W. 2nd St. or State Highway 86 in Tulia.

The program will begin with registration from 8-8:30 a.m. This event is the largest one-day educational program in Swisher County, providing agricultural information for producers and others employed in agribusiness across the Panhandle, said John Villalba, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agriculture and natural resources agent in Swisher County.

"The theme for the day's activities centers around the past, present and future of agricultural water use and other current hot button issues which are pertinent to farmers in the

area," Villalba said.

A lunch sponsored by Happy State Bank will be served, along with updates from the Texas Sorghum Producers, Texas Corn Producers, Texas Wheat Producers, Plains Cotton Growers and Farm Service Agency.

Topics and speakers include: Fertigation and Drip Irrigation Practices, Trey Hillger, Eco-Drip Inc., Abernathy.

Weed I.D. and Chemical Modes of Action, Dr. Peter Dotray, AgriLife Extension weed specialist, Lubbock.

Water Saving Conservation Approaches, Texas Alliance for Water Conservation project director, Lockney.

Texas Department of Agriculture Pesticide Laws and Regulations Update, Casey Summers, TDA, Dimmitt.

Texas Water Law and Current Hot Topics, Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, AgriLife Extension ag law specialist, Amarillo.

2014 Residual Herbicide Trial Summary, Blayne Reed, AgriLife Extension integrated pest management agent for Hale/Swisher counties, and Villalba.

UAVs and Emerging Technologies in Agriculture, John Mark Gibson, CropQuest Inc. precision ag specialist, Dodge City, Kansas.

The cost of the program will be \$10 and six continuing education units from the Texas Department of Agriculture and six certified crop advisor units will be offered.

Those planning to attend should RSVP to the AgriLife Extension office for Swisher County at 806-995-3726, or for more information, call the same number, Villalba said.

Avoid becoming a victim of auto theft

AUSTIN — Texans will be shopping and traveling during the holiday season, and the Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA), part of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV), urges everyone to take precautions to protect their valuables and vehicles.

The year-end holidays offer opportunities for auto crime. December has seven of the biggest shopping days of the year, both for sales and shopper traffic.

In addition to parking at the airport, travelers drive an average of more than 700 miles to reach their holiday destinations, and lower gas prices this year may tempt even more people to drive.

ABTPA asks shoppers and travelers to be on guard against auto crime during this busy period. You should keep your vehicles locked and safeguard gifts. You should also remove other belongings that are visible in your cars, whether they are parked at a shopping mall, holiday movie, airport parking lot — or even a family member's driveway.

"It is important that Texans remain vigilant in protecting their

valuables during the holiday season" said Bryan Wilson, director of ABTPA. "It is easy to be in a rush and leave items visible in our vehicles. It is imperative that we all take the extra time to ensure our vehicles are never unlocked and nothing is in view."

Criminals are counting on people to underestimate the threat of auto crime. Auto theft and burglary is not only a crime of opportunity but often involves organized criminal activity.

ABTPA offers shoppers and travelers these holiday tips:

- Keep shopping bags and boxes out of sight or stored in the trunk. Do the same for other valuables, like cellphones, laptops, CDs, purses and wallets. (That includes removing loose change from the console or cup holder.) Bring anything that might tempt thieves inside your home or office — even when parking your car for a short time at a place that you assume is safe.

- Never leave an idling car unattended. On cold days, when people tend to warm up their vehicles, secure your car and avoid becoming

a victim of auto theft.

- Even if you are running into a store for a moment, be sure to lock your vehicle. And always keep your keys with you.

- Ask valets at restaurants to not leave keys in the vehicle.

- Safeguard your home through your vehicle. Keep garage door openers in the glove compartment or hidden, and avoid leaving mail or insurance forms visible. These can help thieves obtain your address.

- Use a car alarm if possible and leave your vehicle in busy, well-lit spots.

ABTPA works to combat auto theft and burglary in Texas and provides financial support from funds collected from insurance companies to fight it. ABTPA supports a statewide network of law enforcement agencies through administering grants, theft-reduction initiatives and public awareness and education.

TxDmv is charged with overseeing the state's motor vehicle services that provide consumer protection, assist motor vehicle-related businesses and raise revenue for the state.

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Community Calendar

December 4-6
Lady Broncos & Broncos v Claude Tournament • Claude

Lady Owls & Owls v Lefors Tournament • Lefors

December 9
Lady Broncos & Broncos v Vega • JV 4 & 5 p.m. • Varsity 6:30 & 8 p.m. • Clarendon

Lady Owls & Owls v Holy Cross • 6 p.m. • Holy Cross

December 12
Lady Owls & Owls v Hartley • 6 p.m. • Hartley

December 16
Lady Broncos & Broncos v Valley • JV 4 & 5 p.m. • Varsity 6:30 & 8 p.m. • Valley

December 18-20
Lady Owls & Owls v Groom Tournament • TBA • Groom

December 24
Christmas Eve

December 25
Christmas Day

December 30
Lady Owls & Owls v Chillicothe • 1 p.m. • Chillicothe

January 2
Lady Broncos & Broncos v Fritch • 2 & 3:30 p.m. • Fritch

January 5
Lady Bulldogs v Connors State College • 2 p.m. • Dawg House

January 6
Lady Broncos & Broncos v White Deer • JV 4 & 5 p.m. • Varsity 6:30 & 8 p.m. • Clarendon

Lady Owls & Owls v Shamrock • 6 p.m. • Hedley

January 9
Lady Bulldogs v Quanah • JV 5 p.m. • Varsity 6:30 p.m. • Clarendon

Lady Owls & Owls v Lefors • 6:30 p.m. • Hedley

January 10
Lady Bulldogs & Bulldogs v Howard College • 2 & 4 p.m. • Dawg House

January 12
Lady Bulldogs & Bulldogs v South Plains College • 5:45 & 7:45 p.m. • Dawg House

January 13
Broncos v Ascension Academy • JV 6 p.m. • Varsity 7:30 p.m. • Amarillo

Lady Broncos v Wheeler • JV 5 p.m. • Varsity 6:30 p.m. • Wheeler

Lady Owls & Owls v Silvertown • 6:30 p.m. • Silvertown

January 19
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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Menus
December 15 - 19

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Baked chicken enchilada, refried beans, tossed salad, lemon pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Vegetable beef stew, potatoes, carrots, onions, ham sandwich, oatmeal cookie, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Roast turkey, bread dressing, seasoned broccoli, cranberry squares, wheat rolls, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Chicken cordon bleu, mashed potatoes, Italian green beans, whole wheat roll, raspberry peaches, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Lasagna, garlic bread, Brussels sprouts, sliced pears, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Chicken spaghetti, buttered carrots, zucchini, wheat bread, banana pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Pork roast & gravy, black-eye peas, mashed potatoes, roll, cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Polish sausage & cabbage, pinto beans, coleslaw, cornbread, peaches, strawberry bananas, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Sloppy Joes, potato wedges, coleslaw, cake, bun, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Turkey & dressing, candied sweet potatoes, green beans, roll, pineapple tidbits, iced tea/2% milk.

Clarendon ISD
Mon: Pepperoni pizza, salad, veggie cup, mixed fruit, milk.
Tue: Chicken taco salad, seasoned corn, snowball salad, milk.
Wed: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, apple-pineapple, milk.
Thu: Turkey & cheese sandwich, baked chips, fruit snacks, carrots, orange, milk.
Fri: Ham & cheese sandwich, baked chips, fruit snacks, carrots, apple, milk.

Residents of Carson County fall victim to scams

Hi, gang! Did you hear the story on Channel 10 last week? Carson County Sheriff Loren Brand told Channel 10 that his residents have been scammed out of more than a quarter million dollars in the past five years.

Brand said the scams take the forms of "fake organizations asking for money to pretending to be a family member in need of financial help."

Channel 10 said the scams have caused people to mortgage property and go into debt and that scammers are working mainly through phone calls and the Internet. One person lost \$80,000 in six months to supposedly help someone.

Brand told KDFB: "If people go bankrupt it is not going to help any community. It has to have a trickle-down effect on all of us. It has an impact. The impact for me is the fact that I can't get them their money. Once they have committed and sent the money overseas, it is gone."

Wow! I checked with our Donley County Sheriff Butch Black-

burn on last Thursday and he advised he had not had a scam reported in Donley County in several months. The Sheriff stated "Maybe our little stories are working."

I feel sure that the scammers are still active in Donley County, and I will remind our young readers to please check with all of us "older friends and relatives" to make sure we are not being scammed and are embarrassed to report it.

This week's scam is a little late however still important. You get an email selling a "Handwritten letter from Santa to Your Child." It encourages you to make your child's holiday by purchasing "Santa's special package" for \$19.99. You click on the link, and it takes you to a website. The site promises the special package contains an "official" nice-

list certification and customized letter from Santa. There's even a free shipping special that ends (not coincidentally) in just few hours. You decide to purchase and enter your credit card information.

Don't do it! In the best case, you are simply out the \$19.99. In the worst case scenario, you just shared your credit card information with scammers, who can now use it for identity theft. In another version of this scam, the site promises a free letter from Santa. It doesn't request any credit card information, but it does require plenty of personal information, such as your full name, address and phone number. These sites can then turn around and sell your personal information to spammers.

How to Spot a Scam Website, just follow these tips for spotting an online scam: Ignore calls for immediate action. Many scammers try to get you to act before you think by creating a sense of urgency (including the scam above). Don't fall for it. Hover over links in emails to check

their source. Scammers will make links look like something else. Place your mouse over hyper-linked text and the true destination will appear. Make sure the website has (real) contact information. If something goes wrong with your order, you need to be able to contact the business. When in doubt confirm that the address and phone number are real.

Do your research. Check out the business on BBB.org and do a quick web search. Make sure you pay through a secure connection. When entering credit card information online, be sure that the URL starts with "HTTPS" and has a lock icon in the browser bar. Watch for poor grammar and spelling. Scam emails and websites often are riddled with typos. This is often a giveaway that you aren't dealing with a real business.

For More Information, read more about holiday scams on BBB's Consumer News and Opinion blog. To find out more about other scams, check out BBB Scam Stopper.

Be Extra Safe Out There!

Santa Claus is coming to town

Santa is coming to Hedley on December 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Hedley Senior Citizens. Come enjoy music, Christmas Carols, cookies and chocolate milk and Santa.

The Hedley grade school is making ornaments for our tree and we will have a great time. The Hedley Senior Citizens is also asking anyone for donations either to help with food for the elderly or our new building project. Everything is going fine and they should start the concrete slab hopefully next week. Everyone has been wonderful to donate to our new building and you all know that we need it.

God bless you all.



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Getting Ready for Santa

Braylon Rice and Jean Ann McKee work on Christmas balls that will be placed on the tree for Santa at Hedley Senior Citizens center.

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The waking of the sleeping giant

December 7, 1941: a bright, sunny Sunday morning on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, when airplanes were heard at 7:55 a.m. This was a normal sound around Hickam Field and the Harbor with all those ships lined up along Battleship Row. At first the plane noise was mostly ignored, a formation of US planes was expected and this group was flying in from the east with the Rising Sun of the Japanese markings difficult to see.

America and Japan were in diplomatic talks with meetings scheduled for that Sunday, why should anyone be nervous about a bunch of planes? Very quickly the people of Pearl Harbor found out there was danger coming from the sky as bombs and torpedo's began falling. The attack came in two waves with more than 2,400 lives lost, 1,100 wounded, 21 ships and vessels sunk

or damaged and 323 military planes lost. The Japanese losses were light; 29 aircraft lost, 5 midget submarines, and 65 killed or wounded.

December 8, 1941 at a meeting with both Houses of Congress and broadcast live, President Franklin Roosevelt gave his, "A day which will live in infamy" speech and both the Senate and House voted to declare war on Japan. The Senate vote was unanimous, the Congressional vote was 388-1 with pacifist and first woman elected to Congress, Jeannette Rankin of Montana, voting "no." We were now at war.

President Roosevelt had wanted the US to join England in the fight against Germany, but most American people felt safe and isolationism not war was the ruling thought. Japan's attack made us mad and overnight that changed with one of the Japanese Generals saying they had awakened a sleeping giant. We went from a country wanting to be left alone to a raging bull. It is difficult to imagine how quickly factories went from building plows to bombs, from automobiles to jeeps, but the number of ships the country was producing was astounding.

How would our life be today if that sneak attack had not happened? Would we be speaking German or Russian? I don't know, but think about it, those lives lost at Pearl Harbor that day in December changed the United States forever.



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by peggy cockerham
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the lion's tale
by roger estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held their usual Tuesday noon meeting December 9, 2014, with Boss Lion Larry Capranica in charge.

Justice of the Peace Denise Bertrand presented the program this week and discussed the work that went into lighting trees at the Donley County Courthouse for Christmas. Nineteen trees were lit this year, and the lighting committee plans to light more in the future as well as adding other elements to the square. There are 42 trees on the square, she said.

Bertrand also said the lighting committee intends to keep the celebration classy and hold it every year on the first Saturday after Thanksgiving. Lights will be left up through January 6, which is the 12th day of Christmas.

Lions will distribute food baskets next week, and then take off December 23 and December 30 for the holidays. Regular noon meetings will resume on January 6.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

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Drugs in the News

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A recent American Heart Association meeting revealed the results of the IMPROVE-IT clinical trial which showed that the so called bad cholesterol, LDL, was much lower in patients who took 2 particular cholesterol-lowering medications instead of one only. Ezetimibe and a statin medication helped lower the LDL on average by 17 mg/dL and helped reduce heart-related problems in those who were at high risk of getting heart-related problems. When the LDL cholesterol is too high, a person has an increased risk of getting hardening of the arteries, heart attacks, or stroke.

Statin medications belong to the class of drugs called HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors. These medications block a necessary enzyme needed to activate a bad cholesterol particle. Statins such as atorvastatin (Lipitor) and simvastatin (Zocor) are usually prescribed to help lower high cholesterol in high-risk people. Ezetimibe (Zetia) blocks the absorption of cholesterol into the intestine from any food or drinks. Vytorin is a combination medication that contains both simvastatin and ezetimibe. It is available as a single tablet formulation.

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Historic Governor's Mansion to be tweaked for Abbott

By Christine Ayala, The Texas Tribune

The first Texas governor to use a wheelchair will soon move into a mansion built 134 years before laws started requiring that public buildings be accessible to the disabled.

But thanks to an arsonist's Molotov cocktail, the 1856 Greek Revival-style mansion in the heart of downtown Austin needs only minor fixes before the January arrival of Gov.-elect Greg Abbott and his family.

Early on June 8, 2008, an arsonist eluded security and hurled a Molotov cocktail at the mansion, igniting a four-alarm fire. Fortunately, the house was empty. Gov. Rick Perry and his wife had moved out while the building was undergoing repairs, and historic relics and artwork had been removed.

The fire and the water used to douse it caused major damage. Restoring the mansion cost \$25 million, and the Perrys did not move back in until 2012. The mansion retained its historic antebellum look

but was upgraded with bathrooms, doors and elevators in line with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

A few details — like the second-floor balcony, which has a seven-inch step — do need to be tweaked. Chris Currens, director of special projects for the State Preservation Board, which oversees the mansion, said a planned ramp would allow the governor to enjoy the east-west view.

"We are working on a transition that fits into the historic aesthetic without too much disruption, but allows the governor to use the balcony as he would want to," Currens said.

The governor's office, across the street at the Capitol, is also getting a look. The Capitol building was brought up to code during a 1990 renovation, right after the federal disability act passed.

But there are still accessibility problems, as state Rep. Susan King, R-Abilene, found after she broke her leg during the 2013 legislative

session and struggled to get around using crutches and a wheelchair.

In response to King's concerns, the preservation board asked the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities to study the building's ease of access.

"It was a real eye opener, to be sure," King said. "People were irritated with those of us that could not move as fast. All around it was very difficult, especially in a crowded building during session."

The biggest problem, says Chase Bearden, the coalition's director of advocacy, is that only the Capitol's north entrance has a ramp. The building's south entrance is really its front door, where most events, including governors' inaugurations, are held.

"We basically have to go through the back door of the Capitol to get in," Bearden said. "When you look at participating in advocacy, the south side is where most rallies are held, most press conferences are held."

As attorney general, Abbott has visited the Capitol often, and his staff has set up temporary ramps to the south entrance. The preservation board is planning to do the same whenever Abbott uses the House and Senate chamber podiums to address legislators.

As for the Jan. 20 inauguration, Currens said little would change, since a ramp connecting the Capitol's front door to the stage was typically built for the ceremonies.

If Abbott should someday cast an eye on higher office, as Texas governors are wont to do, another prominent executive mansion also has been updated for wheelchair mobility.

In the 1930s, the White House's West Wing, housing the cabinet room and the Oval Office, was expanded and ramps were added. In the 1950s, the east rooms requiring stairs were leveled to meet up within a foot of the connecting building.

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\$7,500 reward offered for most wanted fugitive

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has added Omar Cruz, 30, to the Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitive list, and a cash reward up to \$7,500 is now being offered for information leading to his arrest. Amarillo Crime Stoppers is also offering an additional reward for Cruz's arrest. Cruz has a violent criminal past, and is wanted for aggravated sexual assault of a child younger than 14 and forgery of a financial instrument. All tips are guaranteed to be anonymous.

Cruz's last known address was in Amarillo, and he also has ties to the Rio Grande Valley area. His criminal history includes burglary of a habitation, unauthorized use of a vehicle, unlawful carrying weapon and evading arrest/detention. For more information or updates in the event of his arrest, see his wanted bulletin at: <http://www.dps.texas.gov/Texas10MostWanted/fugitive-Details.aspx?id=266>.

Cruz is 5 feet 4 inches tall and weighs approximately 140 pounds. He has tattoos on his right leg and scars on his back, left wrist and right hand. Cruz has previously worked in restaurants and the landscaping field.

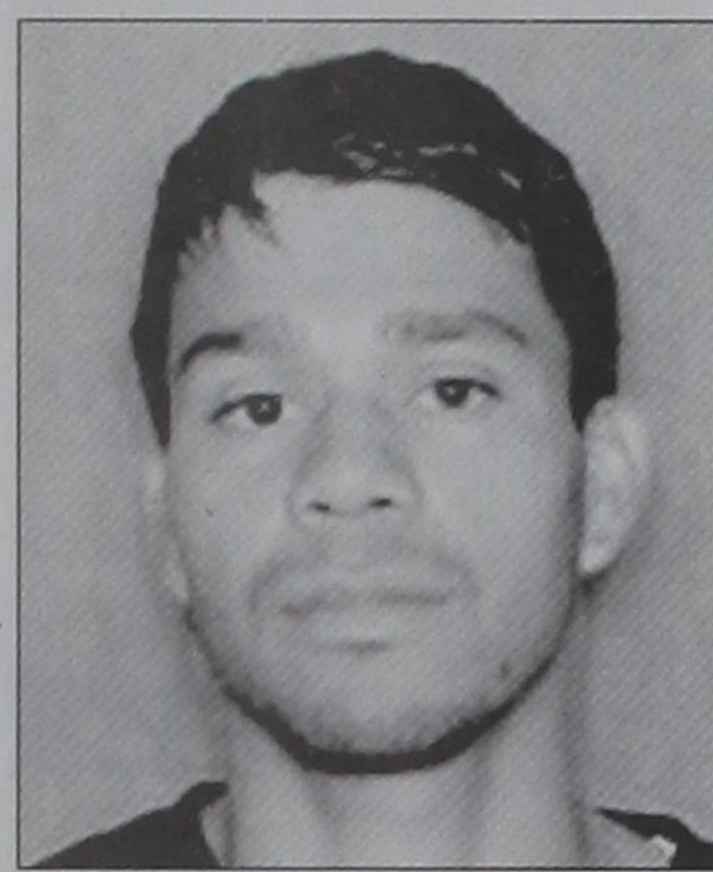
Texas Crime Stoppers, which is funded by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division, offers cash rewards to any person who provides information that leads to the arrest of one of the Texas 10 Most Wanted fugitives or sex offenders.

To be eligible for the cash rewards, there are five different ways to provide anonymous tips:

- Call the Crime Stoppers hotline at 1-800-252-TIPS (8477).
- Text the letters DPS — followed by your tip — to 274637 (CRIMES) from your cell phone.

- Submit a web tip through the DPS website by selecting the fugitive you have information about, and then clicking on the link under their picture.
- Submit a Facebook tip at <http://www.facebook.com/texas10mostwanted> by clicking the "SUBMIT A TIP" link (under the "About" section).

- Submit a tip through the DPS Mobile App. The app is currently available for iPhone users on the Apple App Store: (<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/texas-dps/id902092368?mt=8>) and for Android users on Google Play;



Omar Cruz

(<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.microassist.texasdps&hl=en>).

All tips are anonymous — regardless of how they are submitted.

DPS investigators work with local law enforcement agencies to select fugitives for the Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitive and Sex Offender lists. You can find the current lists — with photos — on the DPS website at <http://www.dps.texas.gov/texas10mostwanted/>.

Do not attempt to apprehend these fugitives; they are considered armed and dangerous.

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Senate passes Cornyn, Leahy FOIA Improvement Act
WASHINGTON — U.S. Senators John Cornyn (R-TX) and Patrick Leahy (D-VT) hailed the Senate's passage Monday of historic legislation that strengthens the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), the nation's premier open government law.

The FOIA Improvement Act of 2014, which was approved unanimously by the Judiciary Committee last month, requires Federal agencies to operate under a "presumption of openness" when considering the release of government information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

This is the same language the President laid out in his historic memorandum in 2009, and which is already being followed by government agencies. The Leahy-Cornyn bill would make this presumption a permanent fixture in FOIA. The legislation would not require the disclosure of information that is prohibited from being released, such as classified information.

"Maintaining an open government is fundamental to our democracy. The FOIA Improvement Act will help open the government to all Americans by placing an emphasis on openness and transparency, rather than allowing agencies simply to hide behind exemptions," Leahy and Cornyn said in a joint statement.

The Senators added: "With the Senate's action today, it is critical the House take up and pass the FOIA Improvement Act this week so it can be enacted this year."

The FOIA Improvement Act is supported by more than 70 groups that advocate for government transparency, as well as the Sunshine in Government Initiative. An outline of the FOIA Improvement Act can be found here, and text of legislation can be found online.

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Lady Bronco JV takes third in River Road tournament

The Lady Bronco junior varsity played four solid games of Basketball in the River Road Tournament last weekend with only one set back against Dumas. The ladies finished third in the tournament with three wins and one loss.

Clarendon played Bushland in the tournament opener and easily defeated them, 45-19. They played solid basketball all four quarters and held sizeable leads after each seven minutes. Briley Chadwick and Damara Brown led the ladies with nine and eight points each. Berkeley Alexander had eight, Sarah Williams helped with six points, Jensen Hatley added five, and Karlee Adams put in four. Amelia Weatherston, Shaelyn Owiti, and Zaryia Smith added two each.

The Lady Broncos took on Memphis in the second round and breezed to a 49-6 win in a dominating contest. The ladies sprinted to the lead and never looked back. Owiti and Alexander shared the leadership with 10 each and Brown and Hatley put in nine and eight. Allyson Hogan had five, Chadwick four, Weatherston two, and Adams one.

The third game with Dumas was trouble for the Lady Broncos and they were defeated 21-51. Clarendon could not get anything going and struggled offensively.

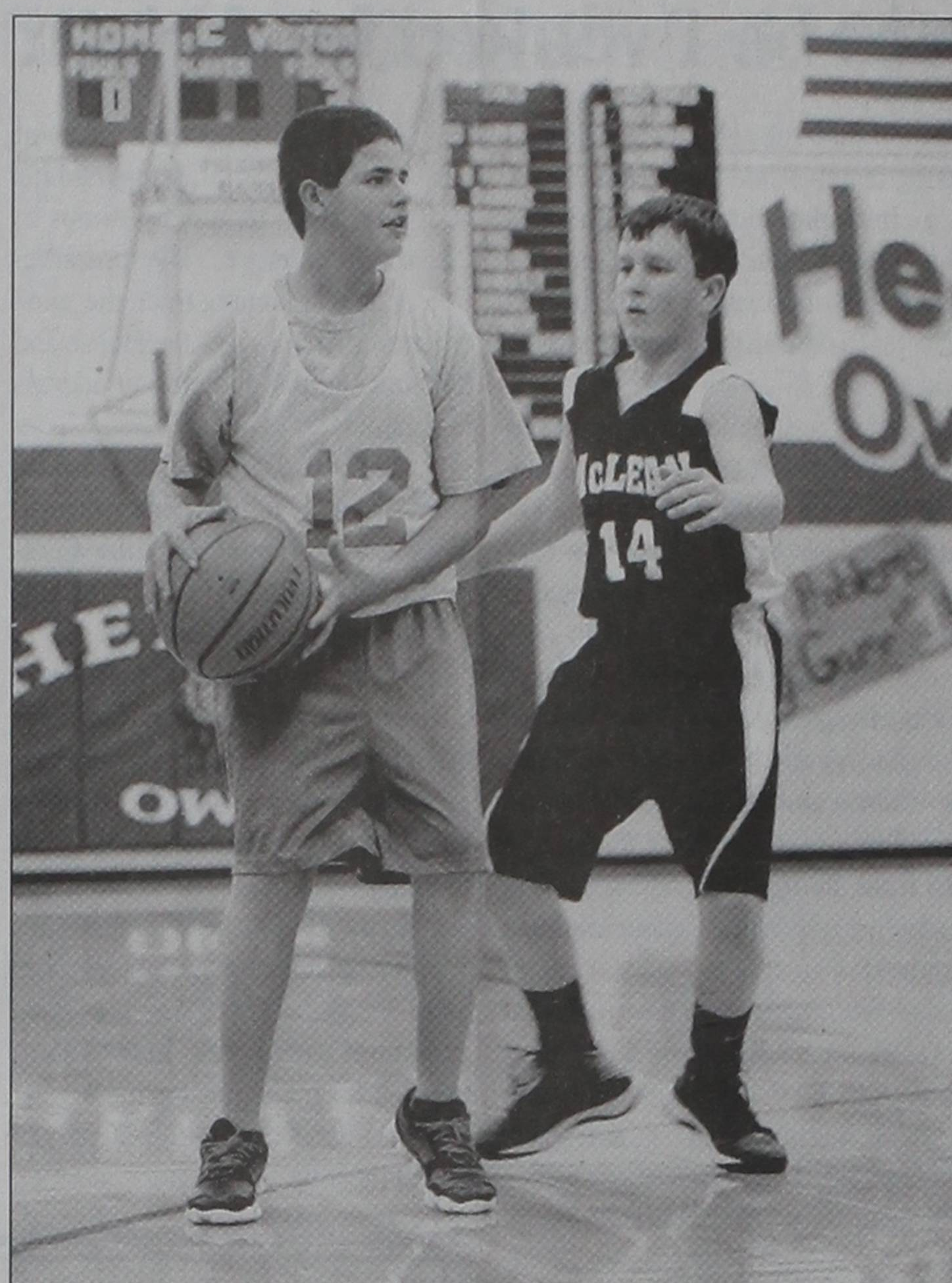
Chadwick finished with eight points and Hatley had five. Hogan, Weatherston, Owiti, and MaRae Hall put in two each.

The Lady Broncos finished the tournament on a high note and earned a 44-34 win over White Deer. Clarendon took control early in the game and led the entire four quarters to get the win. Coach Kasey Bell knew good things came from the tournament. "The ladies played hard and gained some experience," Bell said. "They just need to keep practicing on handling the ball better under pressure."

Scoring: Chadwick 17, Alexander 10, Hatley 6, Brown 6, and Owiti 5.

Earlier in the week, the ladies clobbered River Road 42-13. It was really never a contest for the ladies as they were fired up and solid up and down the court. Hatley had a huge game and finished with 20 points that included three three-pointers. Chadwick put in six, Weatherston, Williams, and Alexander each had four, and Hall, and Brown helped with two. The team shot 56% from the free throw line.

The Lady Broncos will play Vega December 9 at home at 4:00 p.m. and participate in their own tournament Thursday, December 11, and Saturday, December 13.



Christopher Gonzales brings the ball down against Groom.



D'Tavian Walker scores two for the Bulldogs during the last home game against Odessa last Wednesday. CC lost to Odessa, 53-72

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / MORGAN WHEATLY

Bronco JV competes at Borger

The Bronco junior varsity participated in the Borger JV Tournament last week and faced several tough teams.

The Broncos played a great game in the first round and took a 52-42 win over Dalhart. They fought extremely hard and stayed determined to get the win.

"The boys spent so much energy battling Dalhart and their wave of players," coach Alton Gaines said. "It was too much physically for them, but I was so pleased with their effort and hard play."

Keandre Cortez and Clay Koetting led the Broncos on the scoreboard with 13 points each. Damarjae Cortez was not far behind with 11, and Steven Johnson added nine. Kenrick Addington helped with six.

The Broncos took on Panhandle in the next round and fell just a bit short at 39-42. K. Cortez and Johnson put in 14 points each, Koetting added nine, and Damarjae Cortez had two.

They took on Dumas next and narrowly lost at 35-41. The Broncos fought hard, but could not put it all together.

Scoring: K. Cortez 14, D. Cortez 6, Koetting 6, Eastin Goodpasture 3, Johnson 2, and Payton Havens 2.

The final game the Broncos played was against Borger. They were defeated 33-55.

The Broncos will travel to Valley December 16 and take on Canadian at home December 19 at 4:00 p.m.

Eighth grade Lady Colts win by two

The Lady Colts came out on top in a very tight matchup against Memphis at home in a game where they trailed by five points at the half. The Colts came roaring back in the second half and earned the 22-20 win.

Neither team was able to get a good offense going in the first quarter of play. Clarendon struggled in the second period as well.

The Lady Colts were able to turn things around in the second half and took a one-point lead in the third quarter. They were able to do just enough at the end of the game to stop their opponent. "The girls played a tough game and came up with the win," coach Sandi Johnson said. "I am super proud of their determination. Our goal is to keep improving."

Sandra Smith had a stellar game on both ends of the court and led the Lady Colts with 17 points that included three three-pointers. Brandalyn Ellis and Jessica Lowrie each had two and Emily Johnson made good on a bonus shot for one

point. The seventh grade Lady Colts nearly pulled out a great win, but lost by one point at 27-28 in the final ticks of the clock.

Memphis led after one, but the Lady Colts came back strong to take the lead by one after three. They were playing solid basketball, but too many mistakes caused the loss. Mattie Johnson finished in double figures with 10 and Kira Weatherston put in six. Madi Gay had five, Darcie Hunsaker had four, and Raynee Newsome put in two.

Johnson felt the girls played a good game. "The girls played tough in a very close game," Johnson said. "Memphis hit key free throws to pull ahead of us in the end. I am proud of the girls for fighting back from behind. Experience of competition is a great thing at this age."

Both Lady Colt teams will participate in the Canadian Tournament December 13 and will be on the road to Wellington on Monday, December 15, to play at 5:00 p.m.

Football All-District announced

By Sandy Anderberg

Clarendon ISD Athletic Director Gary Jack has announced the All-District Team for District 3-2A Division II and says he thinks the Broncos are well represented this year.

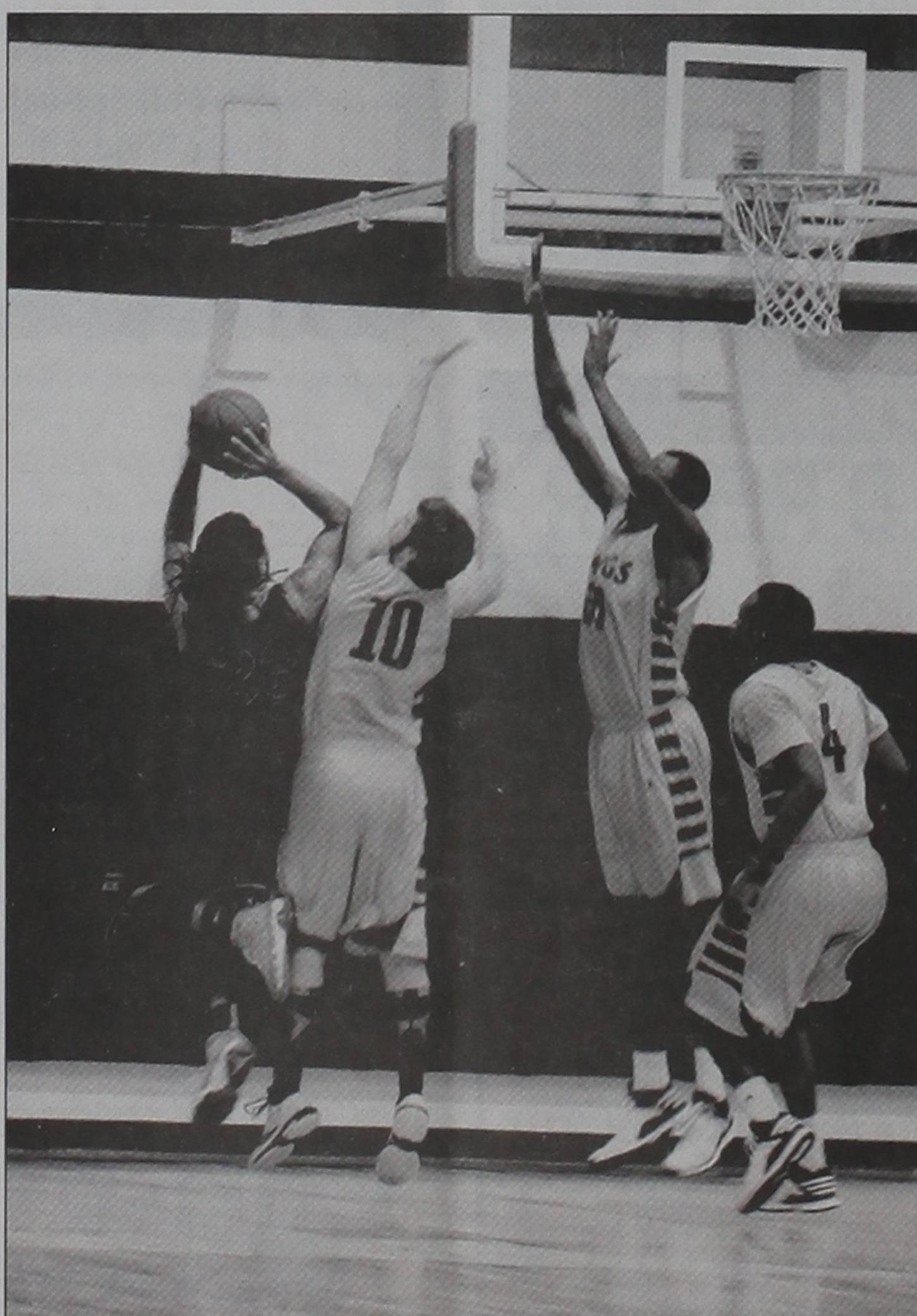
Clay Koetting was named as the Newcomer of the Year by the participating district coaches. Charles Mason was named to the first team offense as a running back, and Cedrick McCampbell was named as a wide receiver. Zack Laroe was named as a tight end, and Montana Hysinger was named as a linesman.

Hysinger was also named on the defensive side as a linesman. Caleb Cobb was named as linebacker, and McCampbell was named in the sec-

ondary.

Taylor Knorpp was named as a lineman to the second team offense. Jonathon Taylor was named as a kicker and Laroe was named as the punter. On defense, Knorpp was named as a lineman, Bryce Hatley made the second team as a line-backer, and Keandre was named to the secondary. Joseph Jaramillo was awarded with the Fighting Heart.

Named as honorable mentions was: Offense: Zach Watson, Bryce Hatley, Junior Cenicerros, Jonathon Taylor, Cooper Bilbrey, Jacob Bishop, Caleb Cobb, and Chesson Sims. Defense: Zack Watson, Chesson Sims, Zach Laroe, Riley Shadle, Jonathon Taylor, Nick Shadle, and Charles Mason.



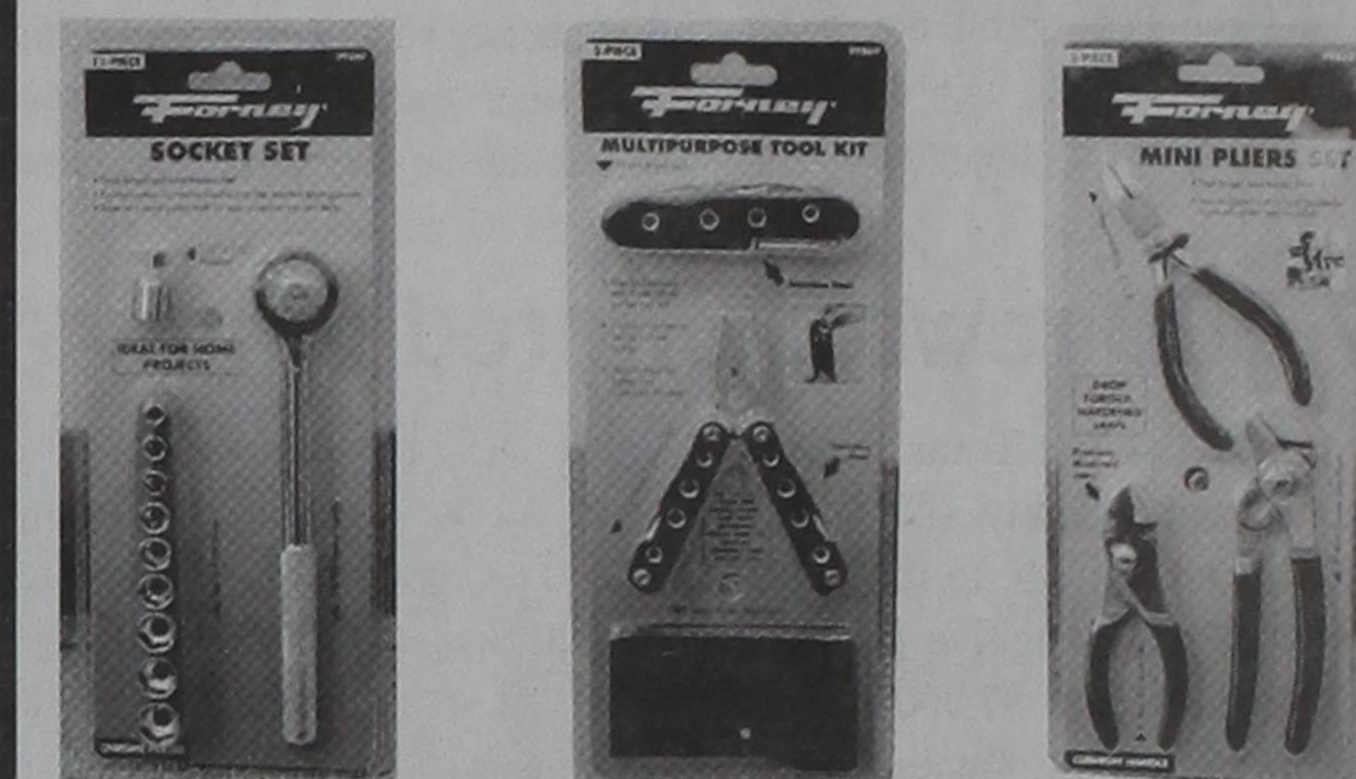
Bryce Pace attempts to block a Odessa shot during last Wednesday's game at Clarendon College.

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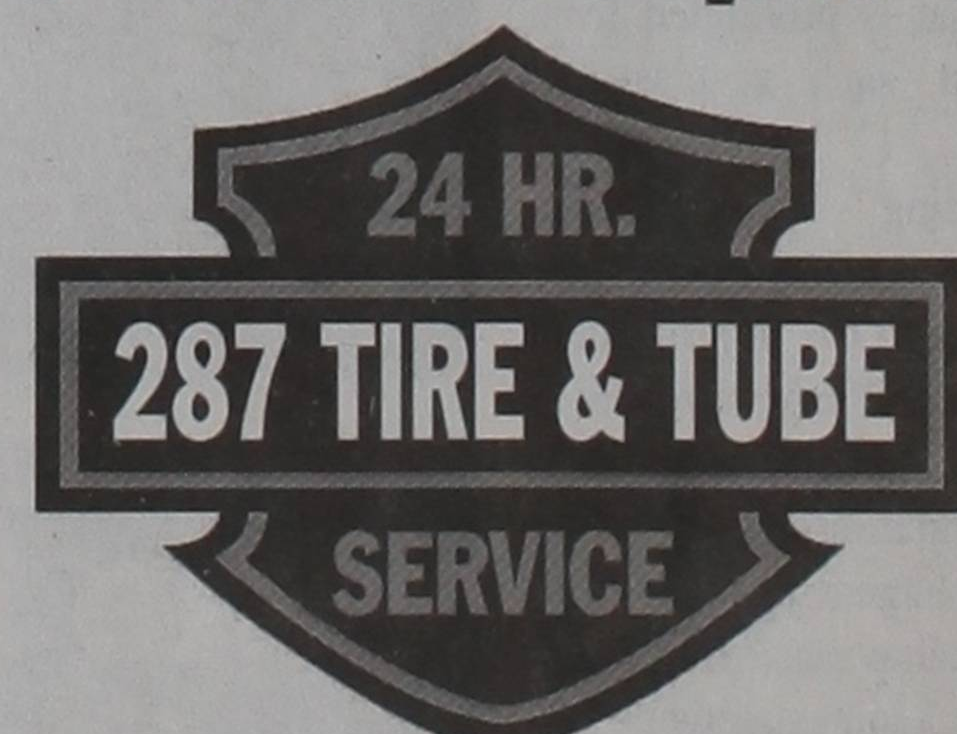
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Lady Broncos named Tournament Champions

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos blew through three different teams to be named the Tournament Champions last week in Claude. Taylor DeGrate was named the tournament MVP, and Allyson Grahn was named to the All-Tournament Team.

The Lady Broncos took on Tulia in the first round and squeezed out a 77-72 win in overtime.

"The girls shot the ball real well," coach Kalen Grahn said.

Carlee Johnson was on fire with 21 points and Taylor Gaines, Taylor DeGrate, and Allyson Grahn all finished in double figures.

The ladies took on River Road in the second round. And after defeating them earlier in the week, the ladies had no problems getting another win at 47-30.

"We had a little let down after the Tulia game," Grahn said. "But we played well enough to win."

Gaines and DeGrate led the scoring.

The Lady Broncos took on Borger in the third game. Grahn knew the ladies played a great game.

"Skyler White and Hannah Hommel played great interior defense against their big girls," Grahn said. "We controlled the tempo of the game and won by 10, 66-56."

DeGrate had a great game with 26 points, and Grahn scored 20.

Those three wins put the Lady Broncos in the Championship game where they met up with Tulia once again. This time the ladies made short work of their opponent and took a 50-29 win.

"We outscored them each quarter and won by 21," Grahn said. "Hannah Howard had a great game playing out of position as a post. She had 11 points and led us in rebounding. We limited their second shots,

and we were able to get second and third shots." DeGrate led the scoring with 24 points.

The Lady Broncos went up against River Road earlier in the week and battled to a seven-point win at 53-46. The ladies are finding their rhythm and playing sound basketball. Taylor DeGrate came back strong after sitting out several games due to an ankle injury.

The Lady Broncos were on fire from the beginning and stayed strong throughout. They held a commanding lead at the break and played the same type game into the final two quarters of play. The scoring was led by three strong seniors who pumped in an average of 15 points each. Grahn led with 18 points, DeGrate had 16, and Gaines helped with 11.

The Lady Broncos will travel to Valley December 16 and play Canadian at home on December 19 at 5:30 p.m.



Champions

Lady Broncos won championship at Claude Basketball Tournament this past weekend! MVP went to Taylor DeGrate and Allyson Grahn was named All Team Player. Pictured Sterling King, Hannah Howard, Taylor Gaines, Taylor DeGrate, Carlee Johnson, Allyson Grahn, Skyler White, and Hannah Hommel.

COURTESY PHOTO

Broncos take third in Claude Tourney

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Broncos participated in the Claude Tournament over the weekend and came home with a third-place finish.

In the opening round, they narrowly lost to the Amarillo Flames, 67-75. It was a close match, but the Broncos just could not pull it out.

Four players finished in double figures. Bryce Grahn finished with 17, Chance Lockhart had 15, Junior Ceniceros had 14, and Charles Mason had 10. Cedrick McCampbell had seven, Taylon Knorpp put in three, and Colt Wood had one.

The Broncos regrouped from their loss and crushed Tulia, 82-47. According to head coach Brandt Lockhart, McCampbell put in 22, Mason had 16, and Lockhart and Wood had 10 each. Riley Shadle made good on eight, Ceniceros had six, Grahn put in five, Chesson Sims had four, and Knorpp had two. Lockhart earned a double-double with 13 rebounds and Grahn grabbed nine rebounds, and had five steals, and five assists. Lockhart had four assists and five steals.

The Broncos clobbered Memphis in the third game, 66-48. They played solid and dominated on both ends of the court. Wood exploded offensively and put in 21 points. Ceniceros added another 16 to the point total. Mason and Shadle had six, Grahn had five, McCampbell had four, and Sims put in three.

The fourth game was a tough one for the Broncos, who lost to Claude by only four points. They gave it their all, but came up short. Grahn put in 11 points, had seven rebounds, and two assists. Mason put in six points with four rebounds and Ceniceros had five points and two assists. McCampbell had seven points and Wood and Shadle had two. Wood also had three assists and three steals in the game.

In the third-place game, the Broncos demolished Lubbock Roosevelt 62-29. It was never a contest for the guys as they were able to execute on both ends of the court. Mason put in 15 with seven rebounds and Grahn helped with 12 points, eight rebounds, five assists, and five steals. Lockhart had 12 points as well, and added 12 rebounds for a double-double. He also grabbed five steals. McCampbell had 10 points, Ceniceros had seven, Shadle had five, and Wood put in two with four steals. Mason was selected to the All-Tournament team.

"Overall, I was pleased with the way we played in the tournament, Lockhart said. "We still need to get better in all areas and to be more consistent. Hopefully that will come with more experience."

The Broncos took on River Road on the road last week and stopped them cold at 64-35. It really was never a contest for the Broncos as they stopped everything River Road tried. Their aggressive play and solid shooting allowed them to dominate from the tip off. Fellow seniors McCampbell and Mason each put in 13, and Ceniceros added nine. Grahn and Lockhart added seven, and Sims had five. Knorpp had four, and Wood and Shadle had three each.

The Broncos will travel to Valley December 16 and will play Canadian at home December 19 at 7:00 p.m.

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Lady Broncos

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| 10 | Carlee Johnson | Fr. |
| 12 | Taylor Gaines | Sr. |
| 15 | Hannah Howard | Soph. |
| 20 | Jensen Hatley | Soph. |
| 21 | Skyler White | Sr. |
| 22 | Sterling King | Jr. |
| 23 | Taylor DeGrate | Sr. |
| 25 | Allyson Grahn | Sr. |
| 33 | Hannah Hommel | Soph. |
| 44 | Briley Chadwick | Jr. |

Head Coach: Kalen Grahn

December 19

Clarendon v Canadian • Home
Varsity Girls 5:30 p.m.
Varsity Boys 7 p.m.

Broncos

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|----|--------------------|-------|
| 1 | Cedrick Mccampbell | Sr. |
| 2 | Bryce Grahn | Soph. |
| 3 | Charles Mason | Sr. |
| 5 | Junior Ceniceros | Jr. |
| 10 | Colt Wood | Fr. |
| 12 | Riley Shadle | Soph. |
| 15 | Chance Lockhart | Soph. |
| 24 | Chesson Sims | Jr. |
| 33 | Taylon Knorpp | Soph. |
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Obituaries

Lunsford

Darrell Clinton Lunsford, 57, went to be with his Savior Wednesday, December 3, 2014, in Clarendon, Tex. He spent his final days surrounded by his children, family and friends.

Darrell was born June 18, 1957, to Cecil and Frida Lunsford in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he was raised with his younger brother Dave. He was married to Tracy Lynn Poe and had a daughter, Jamie. Darrell moved to Amarillo where he worked for the auto auction. He married Nelda Burrow Lunsford, and they had a daughter Gabrielle Desire and son Matthew Clinton. Following a tragic accident, Darrell moved to the nursing home where he lived until his death. While

there, he married Virginia Rodgers Lunsford.

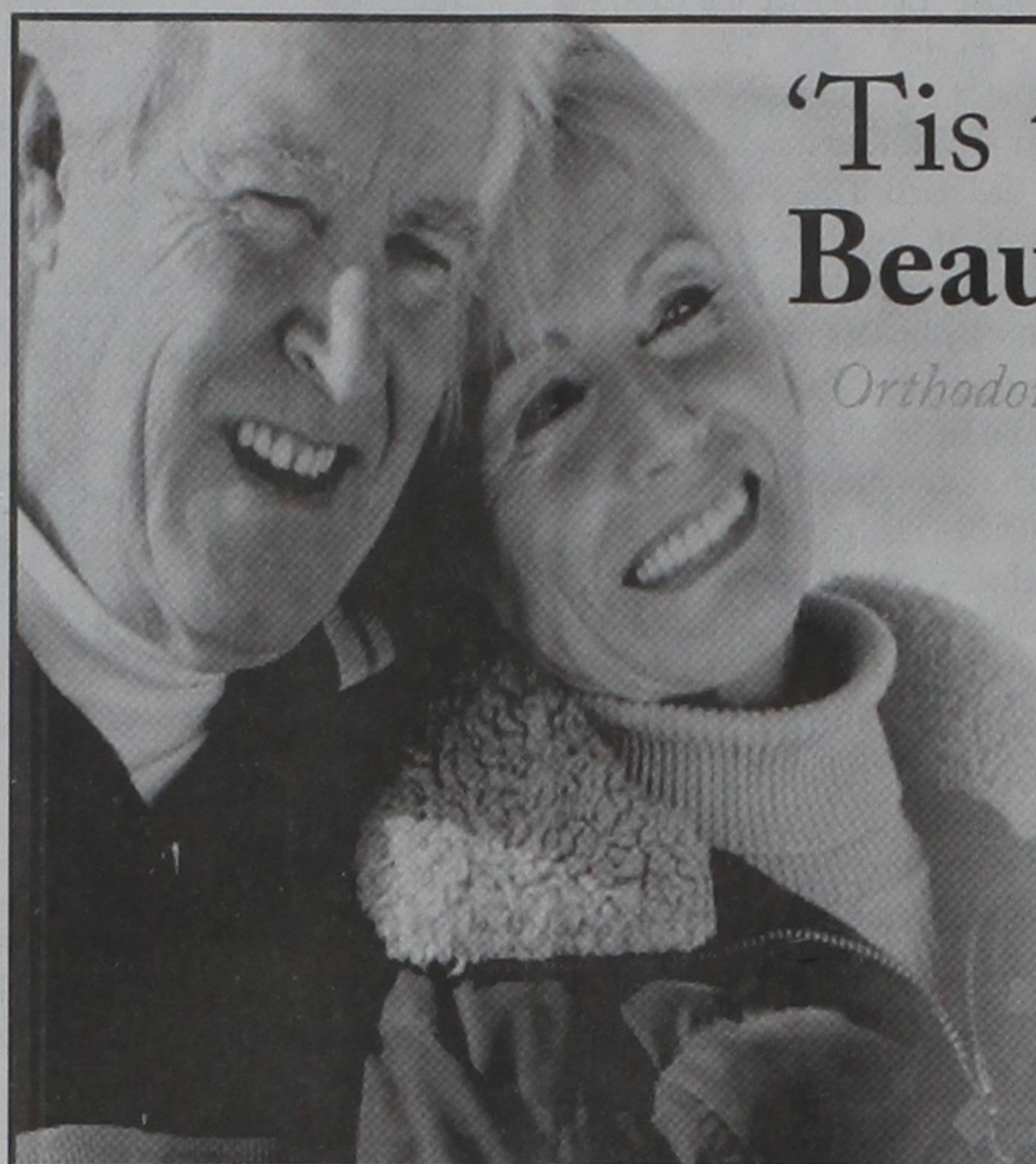
Darrell loved being surrounded by family, fishing, being outdoors, and country music.

A Memorial Service and Celebration of Life will be led by Brother Calvin Burrow at the Clarendon Community Care Center at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 13, 2014.

Darrell is survived by his daughter Jamie Johnson of Providence Village, Texas, daughter Gabrielle Smith, granddaughter MaKenzi Smith, and son Matthew Lunsford, all of Clarendon, his father Cecil Lunsford of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and brother Cecil David Lunsford of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

Darrell was preceded in death by his wife Virginia and mother Frida.

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East 6th

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1:53 p.m. – Units pages house fire

500 block Nacona Drive

2:40 p.m. – Units paged vehle acci-

dent I-40 Eastbound

2:41 p.m. – EMS assist Clarendon

College

4:05 p.m. – Welfare check 1400

block West 8th

4:23 p.m. – EMS assist 1400 block

West 8th

5:41 p.m. – Out @ Bronco Gym

5:50 p.m. – Courtesy ride to 400

block East Burkhead

5:50 p.m. – EMS assist EMS Station

December 2, 2014

4:05 p.m. – EMS assist 3900 block

FM 1754

December 3, 2014

12:01 a.m. – Requesting walk

through @ Clarendon College

6:00 a.m. – Welfare check 1400

block West 8th

10:25 p.m. – See complainant 1400

block West 8th

1:16 p.m. – EMS assist 1400 block

West 8th

3:44 p.m. – See caller at Clarendon

College

6:18 p.m. – Out @ Clarendon Col-

lege Gym

December 4, 2014

12:25 a.m. – Requesting dorm check

@ Clarendon College

8:20 a.m. – EMS assist 300 block

South Taylor

10:37 a.m. – EMS assist 500 block

South Jackson

11:43 a.m. – EMS assist Community

Care Center

2:18 p.m. – Out @ Courthouse

7:54 p.m. – Report of alarm 100

block South Kearney

December 5, 2014

3:13 a.m. – EMS assist 500 block

Browning

8:10 a.m. – Report of alarm 600

block West 2nd

11:22 a.m. – EMS assist Community

Care Center

3:11 p.m. – Units paged cotton

module fire FM 1932

6:27 p.m. – See caller Ayers &

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TAKING THE FIRST STEP

Deciding whether or not to report suspected child abuse can be a difficult and confusing process, yet it is the important first step toward protecting a child who might be in danger. Professionals who work with children are required by law to report suspected neglect and abuse.

CALL 1-800-252-5400 TO REPORT SUSPECTED ABUSE/NEGLECT.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I MAKE THE DECISION TO REPORT SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE?

Several events take place after the initial complaint is filed. First of all, depending on where you live, you might report suspected abuse and/or neglect to your local child protective agency. The person responding to the call may ask you several questions about what you are reporting. This is done to ensure that enough information is available for the investigative team to be able to make decisions concerning whether or not abuse/neglect has occurred. You might be asked to give names of the family and child, your reasons for suspecting abuse, the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of other witnesses, your relationship to the alleged victim, any other previous suspicious injury to the child, or for your name address and telephone number.

WHO INVESTIGATES COMPLAINTS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT?

The state or county agency that provides protective services has the legal authority granted by law or charter which gives them an obligation to provide services when needed. This also grants them the right to explore, study and evaluate the facts. Child welfare workers then base their decision on whether or not to remove a child from the family on two issues: 1. What is the immediate danger or risk to the child? 2. What is the motivation, capacity and intent of the alleged perpetrator?

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE CHILD AND FAMILY?

With the enactment of Public Law 96-272, it is legally mandated that child welfare workers make all "reasonable efforts" to reunite the family whenever possible. If, after a thorough investigation, it is determined that the child is in need of substitute care, then the child is placed in temporary foster care until the immediate danger has passed and services can be provided for the child and family. Sometimes criminal child abuse charges have to be filed depending on the nature and severity of the abuse/neglect.

WILL I BE ABLE TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENS TO THE CHILD?

Persons who have reported suspected child maltreatment should be allowed to know whether or not their suspicions were founded and what steps the investigation agency took to protect the child. However, there is a great deal of confusion over whether or not information from the child welfare cases should be shared. Legally, there is no impediment to providing general feedback to the child abuse/neglect reporter. The most difficult confidentially issue is to resolve concerns of the reporting individual's right to know versus the family's right to privacy. The child welfare agency may give feedback that indicates that the reporter was right in making a referral and the agency will be working with the family.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I REPORT AND THE CASE IS UNSUBSTANTIATED?

All states have laws that protect the reporter of suspected abuse or neglect from legal liability as long as the report was made in "good faith" and not maliciously. If you are unsure of what the legal and societal definitions of abuse and neglect are in your community, contact your local child protective service office for information.

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